

**George E Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home  
Advisory Board Meeting  
10-28-2010**

Meeting was called to order at 1600 hours by Bob Jones the Advisory Board Chair. The following individuals were in attendance:

Bob Ramos

Frank Maughn

Casey Kuminara

Norm Nelson

Bob Jones

Dennis Howland

James Kopecky

Jerry Taylor

Fasi Filiaga

Judy Lemmons

Susan Thornock

Lena Imes, Resident Representative

Terry Schow, Executive Director, Utah Veterans' Affairs

Dennis McFall, Deputy Director, Utah Veterans' Affairs

Kim Wixon, State Officer, Staff to the Advisory Board

Kelly Snowball, Nursing Home Administrator, Avalon

**State Officer Report:**

Kim reported on the vehicles donated by UTA. The vehicles need to be painted, maintained and wrapped. The State contractor in Ogden was unable to do the work due to the buses being too tall for his shop. The buses will be taken to Rob Schmidt in Salt Lake City. The vehicles have been used to move equipment and are working out well.

Kim reported on the fence project by introducing Quinten Olsen a work study with the OVH. The first bid is in for \$9,238.21. If all bids are over \$5000 the state requires a third bid and an RFP.

Kim briefed about the need for chairs for the multi-purpose room. The board approved the purchase of folding chairs up to a limit of \$5,000.

Kim briefed the donation of a tree in memory of Mr. Frank Hulse. The tree will be planted in the front grass area.

Kim briefed that the State Library for the Blind is working to establish a library here at OVH. The library will contain resources for the visually impaired, such as books on tape, large print book.

We do not have TTY phones. We can set up a service for the veterans to listen to the local newspaper being read.

Scout Project.

Kim briefed the aviary project. He was authorized to place one in a common area to see if it works.

Bob Jones then turned time over to Kelly Snowball for the Avalon report.

#### **Avalon Report:**

Kelly shared a video about the interaction between our veterans and Bandit, a therapy dog.

Kelley gave the financial and clinical reports for Avalon. Occupancy is now 92%, the average in Weber County is 65%. The board requested that the census be reported to include all bed-holds to better show the actual number of veterans being served. Frank Maughn reminded the board that the initial estimate for 100% occupancy was one year after open. Dennis McFall encouraged cooperation between the two Avalon Veterans' Homes.

Kelly showed the board the results of a quality survey that was conducted. Some areas show the need for improvement.

Kelly then briefed the 2011 budget request. The following are the proposed changes to the budget for 2011.

2010 Per Diem	2011 Per Diem	Net Change PPD	Change in Cost to Veterans	Change in Cost to Non-Veteran	% of actual cost PPD
\$77.53	\$94.59	\$17.06	No Change	\$511.80/month  This amount will be adjusted.	Initially - -40%  Never higher than 45%

Please note, there is no additional cost to our Veterans. Their cost remains at \$76.37 per day.

At the very conservative proposed PPD of 110 this will allow for additional nursing staff, increased quality of dietary services, additional maintenance, laundry, and housekeeping as well as covering medical insurance for the Avalon staff.

Kim conducted an email vote on from members of the Advisory Board. The board recommended approval to the UVA Executive Director.

Norm Nelson stated that the drivers for the buses need CDL licenses. Kim will investigate this.

#### **Old Business.**

The driveway entrance identification rock recommended by Admiral Taylor last month has been installed.

#### **New Business.**

Next meeting is November 18th at 1600 hours.

**Executive Committee Meeting**

September minutes were approved.

Kim discussed the restricted and non-restricted funds.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.